

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 – 4:00 PM

City Hall – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Open Planning Area

<b>Present:</b> Michael Odum, Patt Sned, Matthew Goldberger, Jacquelyn Taylor, Perry Douglas, Julie Hastrup, Mary Murphy	<b>Staff Present:</b> Todd Snyder, Armando Fana, Commissioner Shalonda Warren, Erin Paige, Lucy Morelos
<b>Absent:</b> Kara Renne	<b>Guest(s):</b> Joanne Jaimes

Topic	Discussion / Action / Follow Up
Call to Order	Meeting called to order by <i>Michael Odum</i> at 4:01 PM.
	Motion made to approve April minutes made by <i>Patt Sned</i> , with a second by <i>Julie Hastrup</i> . All in favor.

<b>New Business</b>	No new business.
<b>Old Business</b>	<p><b>The Park – West Palm Beach</b> - update by Assistant City Administrator <i>Armando Fana</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Armando Fana</i> provided an update on The Park West Palm which is now open. There is the Cabana, an al fresco restaurant near the 19<sup>th</sup> hole for visitors to get something to eat. Next month The House, a full-service restaurant, should be open. There is a dynamic pricing setup, which is based on the supply and demand of tee times available. But the best pricing rate is available to City residents. To get this rate, City residents currently need to call in and be registered, then they will receive a card and use that to make their reservation. As we enter the summer months, the city resident rate is \$55, the Florida resident rate is \$140, and the non-Florida resident rate is approximately \$180.</li> <li><i>Patt Sned</i> asked since her grandsons live in Texas, both 15, could they play under her membership or is there a kids pricing? <i>Matthew Goldberger</i> informed that there is a junior rate and <i>Armando Fana</i> said that he would check into it since they are older.</li> <li><i>Mary Murphy</i> asked if the course is walkable. <i>Armando Fana</i> answered that they are encouraging walking, but there are carts available to rent and there are electronic caddy's that will follow you. <i>Matthew Goldberger</i> added that before 9 AM, you're required to take a caddy or a junior caddy which adds \$100 to your round.</li> <li><i>Armando Fana</i> added that there is going to be free programming for children, which is a part of the foundation, that will get them engaged in golf.</li> <li>The netting at the driving range needs to be redone because they are not high enough and they will be going to the planning board to get a variance on the height of the nets.</li> <li><i>Patt Sned</i> asked about the linear park. <i>Armando Fana</i> stated that the concern is the liability of golf balls hitting someone but, in the future, maybe creating a multiuse path between Georgia Avenue and the fence line. <i>Patt Sned</i> asked if the park was in the agreement. <i>Armando Fana</i> answered that he does not believe it was specified in the agreement, but after a period of time, if there are revenues left over it has to go back into that neighborhood.</li> </ul> <p><b>F.I.N.D.</b> – Assistant Director <i>Todd Snyder</i> gave the current update on the grant application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The pier at Brian Chappell Park is in disrepair and is blocked off so the public cannot access it.</li> <li>Leah Rockwell, Director, submitted for a F.I.N.D. grant, which is a 50/50 matching grant to help in funding the repairs.</li> <li>The initial response from F.I.N.D. is that there are no deficiencies in the application or grant request, so Leah will be giving a presentation in June to hopefully secure the grant for the city.</li> <li><i>Perry Douglas</i> inquired if the grant is only for the Brian Chappell project. <i>Todd Snyder</i> answered that yes, it is only for this project. We have some funds for this project, but the estimates are outside of what is available as it is a complete redo.</li> <li><i>Mary Murphy</i> asked about the cost of the pier. <i>Todd Snyder</i> answered that Lorenzo Rivero would be able to provide the figure when he gives his C.I.P. project update.</li> </ul>

**BOND and CIP Project Update** – *Todd Snyder* started by giving an update on the playground projects.

- A meeting was held this morning with our contractors and all our stakeholders here at the city and we are currently at 11 playgrounds to build.
- Blum Park - Needs to be surveyed so it can move through permitting and once that is completed, we can get the purchase order to get the project started.
- Coleman Park – We’ve received public input and they have selected “Option B”. It is a bit over budget so we’re going to see what funds are left over from the other playground projects to see if we can move that. *Michael Odum* asked if the playground and the gym are two separate pots of money. *Todd Snyder* answered that the gym, playground, and community center are all BOND projects.
- Dreher Park – A new design has been created. Leah will be attending the next Dreher Park Neighborhood Association meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> to present the design. It has been changed to more natural colors, such as browns and greens, to blend in with the surrounding area.
- Echo Lake Park – The goal is for this project to start on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The permit has been issued; we’re just waiting for the structure to be delivered.
- Fogleman Park – The playground has been completed. The sod and irrigation need to be redone around the playground site, benches need to be installed, and then we will have the ribbon cutting.
- George Petty Park – The playground fabrication has been completed, but the park has not been released to Parks and Recreation from Engineering yet. We’re on standby for the park to be turned over from the Washington Street project. Right now, we are projecting to start the installation this fall. *Patt Sned* asked what the status of Washington Road and the contractor is. *Todd Snyder* answered that the bond company has stepped in and taken over the contract and has the contractor working at a faster pace.
- Osprey Park – The online survey closes on Monday, right now “Option B” is leading. This is either the 4<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> design for this park and we’re finally getting a consensus. Once we have the results, we can present it to PRAC since it has taken so long.
- Phipps Park – An onsite community engagement is scheduled for this Friday and Saturday; four neighborhood associations are involved as well as Phipps Park Baseball for the design.
- South Olive Park – We’re putting a shade structure on the eastern slide. The project is currently in permitting and is scheduled to start installation on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Vedado Park – There’s been a request to install a sail structure over the playground since there is a belief that the leaves falling are making the structure slippery. We’re looking at all options and if there is enough money left at the end of the bond we can revisit. *Patt Sned* brought up the size of the shade structure at Palmetto Park and how it looks like they’re going to take off. *Todd Snyder* stated that what is being requested at Vedado Park is more of an angled triangle that would be over the slide. *Patt Sned* stated that we cannot be everything to everyone since there were first complaints of wanting shade, so then we make sure there’s natural shade, then there are complaints of leaves. The structures are a million dollars, so would you rather a swing set or shade? *Todd Snyder* stated that this is why we prioritize everything in these projects and shading being lower on the scale because it is so expensive.

*Michael Odum* turned over the meeting to *Patt Sned, Vice Chair* at 4:33 PM upon exiting the meeting.

- Village Paws Improvements – Lorenzo Rivero is working with Edna Bonelli to work out the details on the easement for FPL as it comes right up to the edge of the dog park.
- Osprey Park – We’re looking into the Osprey pole in the park and rebuilding the nest. We’re working with a contractor we’ve used in the past to construct and install the pole and nest. *Joanne Jaimedes* (guest) suggested finding a conservation group that may volunteer to build the nest.
- Waterfront Playground – This project is on hold, there hasn’t been a decision on how to move forward.
- Phipps Park Concession Stand and Restrooms – The purchase order has been cut so we will see construction starting soon.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill Moss – Hillcrest Paseo – Installation has begun on the perimeter fence. They will be installing the new fence first and then removing the old one.</li> <li>• Jose Marti Park – Still looking at different types of fitness equipment and then public input. <i>Julie Hastrup</i> asked why they’re looking to have public input again. <i>Todd Snyder</i> answered that he believes it is to go between a pod of equipment or have the stations throughout the park.</li> <li>• Gaines Park – Bids are due this Thursday for the tennis center and community center.</li> <li>• <i>Jacquelyn Taylor</i> asked about the ribbon cutting mentioned before and what park that is for and what <i>Michael Odum</i> meant about the Pleasant City ribbon cutting. <i>Todd Snyder</i> answered that the ribbon cutting is for Fogleman playground which still needs to be scheduled. <i>Perry Douglas</i> mentioned that in the last meeting minutes, Leah said that they’re working on resurfacing the basketball court, and after that is completed, they can schedule the ribbon cutting for Pleasant City.</li> </ul>
<b>Staff Comments/ Updates</b>	<p><b>Summer Camps/Program Registration</b> – Recreation Manager <i>Erin Paige</i> provided an update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are two (2) main sites for summer camp: there is one at Gaines Park which hosts K – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders, with capacities of 75 and 25 respectively. We’re still experiencing staffing challenges, which is why the capacities are so low. We’re also a licensed childcare facility so our ratios are 1:15 and the staff heading the groups must have their 45-hour training certificates.</li> <li>• Our other location is South Olive which hosts K – 5<sup>th</sup> as well with the same capacity numbers and they are filled as well.</li> <li>• Vedado Park is the 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade site on the south end of the City and they have three (3) openings currently.</li> <li>• We have started waitlists at Gaines Park and South Olive. If there are any children that don’t attend or need to attend summer school, we will be able to move children into the program.</li> <li>• There is one non-paying camp at Pleasant City Youth Empowerment Center and their capacity is 40; they currently have 34 children registered.</li> <li>• This year for lunches, we joined the Mandel Public Library on their MOU with the School District of Palm Beach County so we will be receiving our lunches from a “home school”. Gaines Park will receive their lunches from Roosevelt Elementary; Youth Empowerment Center from Pleasant City Elementary; South Olive from South Olive Elementary; and Vedado Park from Palmetto Elementary.</li> <li>• For our sports and specialty camps, we have sailing where there is a beginner, intermediate, and advanced level that can have 8 children registered per level, per week. We’re trying volleyball camp this year as well which will be at South Olive and take place after lunchtime. At the skatepark, they’re having an offsite camp that will visit different locations throughout the county and further south. Pixie camp is also back at South Olive, it is for 3 to 5-year-olds and it’s a half-day camp.</li> <li>• <i>Patt Sned</i> asked if the Pixie camp is only during the summer. <i>Erin Paige</i> answered that the Pixie program is offered during the school year as an enrichment program.</li> </ul>
<b>Board Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Patt Sned</i> inquired about the restrooms at Dreher Park. <i>Todd Snyder</i> gave an update that Mock Roos &amp; Associates Inc is doing the engineering details for the base of the restrooms. The restrooms themselves are moving along and are being constructed, it’s the base, plumbing, and foundational upgrades that we’re waiting on.</li> <li>• Regarding the Boys and Girls Club, <i>Patt Sned</i> mentioned that the members need to be prepared for backlash since after the meeting there are some associations that are not on board. PRAC did their due diligence and had them scale it back from a massive project to a small footprint and we never liked giving away the greenspace but were told it was a done deal.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Matthew Goldberger</i> stated that they need to stay vigilant on the promises that were made about using the parking on the weekends or working with the City to make the facility available for rent on the weekend.</li> <li>• <i>Patt Sned</i> stated that the lease needs to be gone through with a fine-tooth comb and everything that was promised is in the lease with recourse when they don't do what was promised.</li> <li>• <i>Julie Hastrup</i> questioned if there was going to be any reporting back to PRAC on what the components of the lease are. <i>Patt Sned</i> answered that they're advisory and they may have the option to see it prior to the lease going to Commission.</li> <li>• <i>Commissioner Shalonda Warren</i> stated that she is unaware of the promises that were made to PRAC and she would like the information. <i>Perry Douglas</i> commented that they're documented in the meeting minutes.</li> </ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Joanne Jaimes</i> commented that she lives facing Dreher Park south and the park is overdone with litter and noxious invasive plants. Is there anyone that can be hired to try and get those noxious plants out?</li> <li>• <i>Todd Snyder</i> responded that it's part of the operation increase they asked for in the next fiscal year to outsource the tree trimming and removal. For most of the last year, the department has only had one (1) tree trimmer.</li> <li>• <i>Joanne Jaimes</i> also brought up that there is one trash can per pavilion and at the large pavilion there are only two (2). There needs to be more so people don't leave their trash bags on the ground for wildlife to get into. <i>Todd Snyder</i> stated that they can look into getting more trash cans at the pavilions, but it will take time. For the trash bags that are left behind on the ground, that is the responsibility of Parks Maintenance, but if it's left in the trash bins it becomes the responsibility of Sanitation.</li> <li>• <i>Patt Sned</i> suggested putting this on the agenda for next month after researching if Dreher Park has fewer trash cans per pavilion than the other parks.</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 4:00 PM.
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	<i>Matthew Goldberger</i> made the motion to adjourn with a second by <i>Jacquelyn Taylor</i> . All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.